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LOUISVILLE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO COCAINE AND CRACK COCAINE DISTRIBUTION

- Drugs valued at \$67,500

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **ELMORE ASHFORD**, age 41, of 2929 West Muhammad Ali Boulevard, Louisville, Kentucky, in Jefferson County, **pled guilty** to possession with intent to distribute cocaine and crack cocaine.

The maximum potential penalties are life imprisonment, an \$8,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of at least 8 years.

Ashford admitted that on or about May 19, 2006, in Jefferson County, Kentucky, he knowingly and intentionally possessed with the intent to distribute and distributed 37.65 grams of crack cocaine and knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to distribute 646.059 grams of powder cocaine with an approximate street value of \$67,500.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert J. Kilmartin and it was investigated by the Louisville Metro Police Department.

The plea was entered before Jennifer B. Coffman, Judge, United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky.

Ashford is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Coffman on March 8, 2007 at 2:00 p.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

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